

Memorandum

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Subject : RIO LINDA/ELVERTA POWER PROJECT (01-AFC-1)
STATUS REPORT #3

Data Request and Issues Workshop (Scheduled for September 11 and 12, 2001)

Staff issued its second round of data requests on August 28, 2001. A data request and issues workshop is scheduled at Elverta Elementary School for September 11 and 12 2001. Staff will schedule the first day to cover biological; water and soil resources data requests and issues. The second day staff will cover the remaining areas where there are data requests and issues.

Progress on Significant Issues

Air Quality: The applicant's offset package was updated in a confidential filing received in Dockets on August 13, 2001. As anticipated, credits are derived from a combination of stationary and agricultural/area sources. The offset package continues to be incomplete for some pollutants in some quarters. Issues related to agricultural/area credits being real, quantifiable, surplus, permanent, and enforceable have not been resolved according to staff communications with the air district and the U.S. EPA.

There has been no progress on air quality issues related to changes to the cooling/condenser system. Filings to supplement the AFC for these design changes remain outstanding.

Land Use: On August 29, 2001 the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors will be conducting a public hearing to consider the matter regarding the proposed Rio Linda/Elverta power plant's consistency with the Rio Linda/Elverta Community Plan, the Sacramento County General Plan and the County's zoning designation on the proposed project site.

The Rio Linda Citizen's Planning Advisory Council (CPAC) met on August 14th and 21st to consider the matter and to make a recommendation to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors for its August 29th meeting. The CPAC recommended:

That the existing zoning agreement on the property prepared for the Sacramento Ethanol and Power Cogeneration Project (SEPCO) in 1994 needs to be modified and that the modification of the agreement needs to go through the County's planning process; and

That the Rio Linda/Elverta Power Project plant as proposed at this location is not consistent with the policies of the adopted Rio Linda/Elverta Community Plan and the Sacramento County General Plan.

Schedule:

On August 3rd, the applicant requested that the project schedule be changed with staff filing its Preliminary Staff Analysis (PSA)/ Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement (PDEIS) (Western) on December 1, 2001. Staff filed its response on August 20th. Staff recommends that the Committee issue an order suspending staff work on the project until the following events occur:

1. The applicant provides complete answers to the staff's second round of data requests, issued on August 28, 2001.
2. The applicant provides its AFC supplement; and
3. Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD) issues the Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC).

Staff's response to applicant's proposed revision to Committee scheduling order is attached.

cc: Rio Linda/Elverta Power Project Proof of Service list